

REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 28, 2008, which set a three-month period for response. Filed herewith is a Request for a Two-month Extension of Time, making this amendment due by June 28, 2008.

Claims 1-14 are pending in this application

In the Office Action, claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1-3 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,134,508 to Prell et al. Claims 4-6 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Prell et al in view of JP 09-011158 to Sakurai. Claims 8-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Prell et al in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,779,612 to Nishikawa et al.

In the present amendment, claim 8 was amended to address the rejection under Section 112, second paragraph.

Claim 1 has been amended to more clearly define the invention over the cited references by adding the features of claim 4, which was canceled. Claim 1 as amended now defines that *the air-moving means is provided for generating a cooling air stream flowing through the planetary gear.*

The Examiner acknowledges that the feature of the cooling air stream "flowing through" the planetary gear is not shown by Prell, in that its planetary gear set 74 is surrounded by gear housing 82. This is also true for the reference


to Sakurai. The airflow 23 is directed **around** the planetary gear so as to preferably cool the bearing holding part 17. **No air flows through** the planetary gear.

Claim 1 as amended is therefore patentable over the cited references.

In addition, new claims 11-14 have been added. Support for new claim 11 can be found on page 6, line 14 of the specification. Support for claim 12 is disclosed on page 6, lines 23-24. Support for claim 13 can be found on page 6, lines 27-20, while support for new claim 14 is on page 7, lines 20-21.

The application in its amended state is believed to be in condition for allowance. Action to this end is courteously solicited. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, the undersigned would very much welcome a telephone call in order to discuss appropriate claim language that will place the application into condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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